

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 185**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Jerome Horton**

January 27, 2003

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An act to add Section 486 to the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to cooperative agreements.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 185, as introduced, Jerome Horton. Food and agriculture: cooperative agreements: employees.

Existing law allows the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to enter into cooperative agreements with boards of supervisors and other specified entities for specified purposes.

This bill would prohibit the secretary from entering into a cooperative agreement with any board of supervisors unless the employees performing work under the cooperative agreement are afforded protections as permanent employees under the county's personnel system. The bill would prohibit counties from subjecting these employees to periodic layoffs and rehiring if the effect would be to prevent the employees from attaining the status of permanent employees under the applicable personnel system.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 486 is added to the Food and  
2 Agricultural Code, to read:

1 486. The secretary shall not enter into a cooperative  
2 agreement with any board of supervisors unless the employees  
3 performing work under the cooperative agreement are afforded  
4 protections as permanent employees under the county's civil  
5 service or other personnel system. A county shall not subject these  
6 employees to periodic layoffs and rehiring if the effect would be  
7 to prevent the employees from attaining the status of permanent  
8 employees under the applicable civil service or other personnel  
9 system.

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